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LETTER DATED 20 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 11 to 17 May 1993.

11 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Sinjar, Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Irbil and Rawanduz.

(b) Southern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Salman, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Khidr and Ushbayjah.

12 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Irbil and Amadiyah.

At 1200 hours on 12 May 1993, a United States aircraft dropped three heat flares on a farm to the south of the Kawir area in the Irbil Governorate.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Basra and Busayyah.

13 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Sinjar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah, Salman, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

14 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 7,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Artawi, Jalibah, Basra and Nasiriyah.

15 May 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 41 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Khidr, Salman and Jalibah.

16 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dukan and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 55 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Faw, Jalibah, Busayyah and Salman.

17 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Irbil, Dukan and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Khidr, Jalibah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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